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G.O. NO. 699 (Food & Agriculture)

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[Despatch Abstract.]

Rationing - Labourers employed by the P.W.D for earth work in canals etc. — classified as heavy manual labourers — Ordered.

BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES.)

Subject:

RATIONING - Rural - South Kanara District - Kasargod Taluk - Shiriya Anicut Scheme - Labourers of the P.W.D. - Earth work coolies - Classification as Heavy Manual Labourers - Orders Requested.

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Board's Ref. No. 30695 U4/50 -1 CS, dated 17--3--1950.

From

SRI V.S. HEJMADI, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.,

JANAB G. ABDUL SATTAR, B.A.,
Provincial Controller of Food Rationing.

READ: From the Collector of South Kanara Ref.P4. 4387/50 d/4-3-50

Submitted to the Governm...

2. In Government memo. No. 2958 KI-B/46-3, Food, dated 11-9-46 and No. 26163-B/47-3, Food, dated 10-2-47, coolies working on Public Works Department flood banks and canals and collies engaged in silt clearance of channels have been treated as heavy manual labourers. The case of woddars and Upparas (Krishna District) doing earth work was considered by the Board in 1946 but as generall they are engaged for work by Agriculturists,it was ordered in Board's L. Dis. 1174-U4-46, dated 21-9-46 that such collies should be treated as agricultural labourers and encouraged to demand their wages in kind. In the case under reference, the collies are required to do earth work for Public Works Department and the employers cannot pay them in kind. That the duties of the collies recruited for earth work involve heavy manual labour, cannot be denied. The Board therefore recommends that the PWD labourers engaged in the earth work may be classified as heavy manual labourers eligible for supplementary rations.

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for Provincial Controllier
of Food Rationing.

To

The Secretary to the Government, Food & Agriculture Dept.
Fort St. George, Madras. (with enclosures.)

Copy of Ref. P.4 4367-50 dated 4-3-50 from the Collector of South Kanara, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies, Board of Revenue, Madras.

SUB: RATIONING - Rural - South Kanara District - Kasargod Taluk - Shiriya Anicut schemes - Labourers of the P.W.D. - Grant of rations at the scale of heavy Manual labourers.

I enclose a copy of the letter No. 408 M- dated 16-2-50 of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore. The Public Works Department proposes to import earth work collies to Shiriya from Tamil district: The Superintending Engineer wants that the labourers so imported should be given rations at 16 oz i.e. at the scale applicable to heavy manual labourers. But neither earth work collies nor P.W.D. labourers have been classified as heavy manual labourers. ~~But neither earth work collies~~ (Please see G.O. No.31, Food department, dated 1-3-1946). I therefore solicit instructions as to whether the labourers employed by the Public Works Department can be granted rations at the enhanced rates especially in view of the fact that they are engaged in a work of grow more food value. There is at present adequate stock of milo (Cholam) for issue to the labourers, but there is not stock of ragi for issue to them.

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forcollector.

Copy of the Superintending Engineer, P.W.D. Coimabtore Circle, Coimbatore letter No. 408 M/dated 16-2-50 addressed to Collector of South Kanara.

Sub: Shiriya anicut - Imported labour - Rations - Full quota.

In enclose herewith a copy of Executive Engineer's (South Kanara No. 269SS/ dated 14-2-50. In order to have good progress on the Shiriya Project, it is essential to import about 400 earthwork coblies from Coimbatore and other Tamil districts. They require a ration of 16 oz per day. Half of this may consist of rice as in the case of the general ration. The other half should be of millets say ragi or cholam. The coblies do not relish other types of foodgrains like wheat etc. Without giving ration except in the shapre of rice or millet it is not possible to to attract profession earth work

coolies from outside especially for a distant place like South Kanara. The other day you said that the rules do not permit of giving ration at 16 oz. and also supply of ragi and cholam. In that case I would like you to take up the matter with the Government and obtain special exemption for the relaxation of the rules.

(True Copy)

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Suptg. Engr. Coimbatore Circle.

Copy of letter No. 269, SE, dated 14--2--50 from the Executive Engineer, South Kanara Division, Mangalore to the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle.

Sub: Shiriya Anicut work - Imported Labour - Rations - Full quota - Requested.

The excavation of the main channel work is now in progress at different reaches in the fist 3 mils by departmental work. The minimum strength of local coolies that can be gathered is about only. This total also gets reduced during the period of Agricultural operations. Hence in order to complete the earth work in time labour from outside has to be recruited. Accordingly a job worker from Coimbatore was recruited through the Employment Exchange. He can here with about 22 earthwrok Boyans and started work. When his found that the rations given here is only 8 oz of rice per head, they left the place and returned to their native place. In addition to the 8 oz of rice 2 oz of wheat was allowed. These Boyans do not take wheat. Hence with allowance of 8 oz of rice they were semi starved.

It will not be possible to complete the work in time for the next irrigation season by employing the local labour alone. We have to get Boyans for earthwork from outside. These hard manual labourer will not be satisfied with anything less than 16 oz. of rations per head per day. I understand that rules do not permit the issue of rice in excess of 8 oz per day. The Boyans accustomed to eat millets like ragi etc. They can be made to be contended with 8 oz of rice and 8 oz of millets. If we guarantee this supply I am sure we

we will get the required number of Boyans for earthwork.

I, therefore request you to be so good as to address the Chief Engineer for Irrigation to take immediate steps to get Government sanction for issuing millets to these labourers. There is a Ration shop opened near the Anicut site where these millets can be stocked and issued to these labourers, without any difficulty. Unless these arrangements are made I am afraid we will be far behind the Programme for want of labour.

Yours
~~Sure~~ copy/

Superintendent.

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FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT.

G.O. Ms. No. 699 D/ 11--4--1950.

READ:

From the Board of Revenue (C.S.) Ref. No. 30695 44/50 dated 17--3--1950.

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ORDER:

The Government direct that labourers employed by the Public Works Department for earth work in canals etc be treated as heavy manual labourers and given rations at 8 oz of rice plus 8 oz of millets or wheat or wheat products according to availability.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

N. Murugesa Mudaliar,
Dy. Secretary to Government.

To

The Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies.)

copy to Public Works Department.

True copy/

Superintendent.

v.n.m. 2/7/53.

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